economic condition of the State and financial condition of individual families, in view of the special situation created by the continuous natural calamities; if so, whether Government would change the guidelines of declaring Orissa as special category State; and

(b) whether Government would consider to declare Orissa as a special category State and extend special financial assistance for restoration and rehabilitation of the affected people and restoration of the State as a whole?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There is no proposal under consideration of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation to declare Orissa as a special category State.

Advertised Post of ADG in ICAR

2753. SHRI R. N. ARYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the post of Assistant Director General (ADG) (ARIS), Indian Council of Agricultural Research, has been advertised;

(b) whether Principal Bench of Central Administrative Tribunal, in a case filed by the removed ADG (ARIS), directed the respondents to maintain *status-quo* as on a particular date; and

(c) if so, whether the Council has ensured that above advertisement does not amount to contempt of court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Dr. S.S. Tomar was holding the post of ADG(ARIS) on tenure basis for a period of five years *w.e.f.* 15.1.1998. His tenure has been curtailed with the approval of the competent authority *vide* order dated 31st January, 2001 on account of his unsatisfactory and below average performance and he has been posted as Sr. Scientist, CIAE, Bhopal *i.e.* the post he was holding prior to his appointment as ADG(ARIS). Dr. Tomar was relieved from the post of ADG(ARIS) on 31st January, 2001. Dr. Tomar has filed an application in CAT Principal Bench, Delhi against curtailment of his tenure and the Tribunal in its interim directions dated 21.5.2001 has ordered to maintain *status-quo* as on date. One the date of interim direction, the position held by Dr. Tomar being of Sr. Scientist, advertising the vacant post of ADG(ARIS) does not in any way amount to contempt o^{r} Court.